

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-12-8**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 8, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: December 8, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. ISDN Docket D96.7.121 - Discuss draft order on USWC's motion to compel data responses from MCI (12/10/97)
2. Montana Tel-Net/USWC Docket D97.7.135 - Discuss draft order on reconsideration (12/10/97)
3. Eligible Telecomm Carriers Docket D96.2.18 - Discuss requests for waivers and permanent designation of ETCs (12/10/97)
4. CELP/YELP/DNRC vs MPC Dockets D97.7.127, 129, D97.8.143 - Consider and approve draft order on reconsideration and in response to petitions for declaratory ruling (12/10/97)
5. MDU Docket D97.12.229 - Discuss MDU refund proposal and procedure and other matters as necessary (12/10/97)
6. Montana Universal Access Program - update (12/10/97)

7. Pipeline Safety and NESC Rules Docket L-97.8.5-RUL - Post hearing discussion of rulemaking, for action to adopt rules (12/10/97)
8. PSC toll-free number as neutral source of information on electric competition - Obtain Commission direction (12/10/97)
9. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.11.220 (Bonnie)

On November 17, 1997, Pacific Telecom, Inc. filed tariff changes to re-introduce a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when residential customers subscribe to additional residential lines. PTI proposes to offer the promotion through January 31, 1998.

2. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.11.222 (Kate)

On November 19, 1997, PTI Communications filed tariff changes to bring its Lifeline and Linkup offerings into compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's universal service order.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. SPRINT - Docket N97.11.227 (Nina)

On November 28, 1997, Sprint filed tariff changes purposing (1) to increase the Per-Call Payphone Service Charge for Wholesale Communications and Resale Solutions; (2) to revise Real Solutions Option A \$25,000 Commitment Level (Non-Term) which was previously filed inadvertently; and (3) text changes.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.230 (Kate)

On December 3, 1997, U S West Communications filed revisions to its Lifeline and Linkup tariffs to reflect the changes to those programs made by the Federal Communications Commission.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-12-15

Docket N97.11.227 SPRINT (Nina)

Docket N97.12.230 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Kate)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D97.11.225 Southern Montana Telephone - Notice of Proposed Increase in Intrastate Carrier Switched Access Rates

D97.11.226 USWC and 3 Rivers PCS, Inc., Approval of Interconnection Agreement

N97.11.227 Sprint Communications Co - Increase Per-Call Payphone Service Charge; Revise Real Solution Option A; Minor Text Changes

D97.12.228 Cascade Gas Co - Rate Increase

D97.12.229 MDU - Refund Plan

N97.12.230 USWC - Telephone Assistance Plans/Link-Up Changes